

SMITH AS GOVERNOR HIT ESTIMATE BOARD

Miller Had Precedent for
Warning He Issued Last
Week.

FUNDS WERE HELD UP

Body in 1919 Failed to Pro-
vide for Salaries of 377
on Commission.

FRICITION WITH MAYOR

Trouble Led Governor to Abol-
ish P. S. Board in First
District.

Gov. Miller's address before the Fifth Avenue Association last week, in which he criticized the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for failure to appropriate moneys needed to complete certain rapid transit work, is not the first time the Chief Executive of the State has taken an active interest in the non-action of that board. It was recalled at the office of the Transit Commission yesterday that in January, 1919, the acting chairman of the then Public Service Commission for the First district filed with Gov. Alfred E. Smith a written protest against the withholding by the Board of Estimate of sufficient appropriations to pay the expenses of the commission, making necessary the laying off on short notice of 377 of its employees.

The matter was so important that Gov. Smith came down from Albany and took a hand personally in adjusting the situation. He went to the City Hall and conferred with the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which shortly thereafter receded from its position and granted the necessary appropriations. Its action, however, seriously delayed the work of the commission and caused certain of its employees to seek employment elsewhere. Many of the employees kept at work without any salary through their devotion to the public service, and if it had not been for this attitude of loyalty the work of the commission would have been much more seriously affected. This was recognized by the city itself later, when it authorized the payment to such employees of the salaries withheld during the period between appropriations.

Abolished One Board.
This incident was undoubtedly potent in leading Gov. Smith to his determination to abolish the Public Service Commission for the First District as

Pullmans for Women Alone on Two Roads

CHICAGO, April 29.—At last the women are to get what they wanted for a long time. The Chicago and Alton and the Wabash railroads announce they will have Pullmans for women beginning to-morrow. Chicago women are unanimous in their praise of the innovation.

"Why, it's just splendid," said Mrs. Leonard A. Busby, prominent club woman, "no more crowding in dressing rooms, for if the women have a whole car to themselves they can dress wherever they wish."

then constituted and to substitute therefor two single headed commissions, one of which should have charge of construction work only and the other the work of regulation. The Legislature of 1919 followed Gov. Smith's recommendations, abolished the Public Service Commission for the First District, and established in lieu thereof the office of Transit Construction Commissioner and a new Public Service Commission for the First District. The Governor appointed Lewis Nixon as Public Service Commissioner and John H. Delaney as Transit Construction Commissioner.

City Hall Opposition.

It was thought by the Governor and his friends who approved the change that the reorganization of the commission and the placing in office of men friendly to the Hyman administration would do away with the friction between the commission and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and lead to better results. It is well known, however, that Commissioner Nixon was in office only a few months when he encountered strong opposition from the City Hall, and never thereafter during his term was able to work in harmony with the Hyman administration.

While Commissioner Delaney maintained friendly relations with the city administration, it is known he had great difficulty in continuing such relations and that some of his most important recommendations were turned down by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. One notable instance was his effort to complete without delay section 1 of the Fourteenth street-Eastern District subway by making an arrangement with the contracting company, which was financially embarrassed on account of war costs, allowing that company an extra appropriation of \$20,000 to complete the work. Upon this basis Commissioner Delaney figured that the entire contract could be completed at a cost to the city of about \$1,700,000.

City Lost \$1,500,000.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment refused to countenance the agreement proposed by Commissioner Delaney, which compelled him to re-advertise for bids for about two-thirds of the work which the first contractor had been unable to do. As a result this part of the work was relet to another contractor for more than \$3,200,000. Owing to this action the city lost more than \$1,500,000, which would have been saved had Commissioner Delaney's plan been approved.

The protest of the Public Service Commission for the First District was made to Gov. Smith under date of January 23, 1919, in a letter which explained the duties of the Public Service Commission in respect of its obligations under the dual subway contracts and the provisions of the rapid transit act, setting forth there were still outstanding contracts aggregating \$20,000,000, under which about one-fourth of the work remained to be done.

JACKSONS DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES

All Suspicions of Poison
Dropped in Case of Aged
Pair.

BELIEVE HE HAD STROKE

His Wife Had Suffered Months
From Acute Indiges-
tion.

That Fremont Madison Jackson and his wife, Mrs. Annie Jackson, who were found dead in the bathroom of their suite in the annex of the Hotel Margaret, Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, last Wednesday, died from natural causes was the belief of the police and District Attorney's office last night. All investigations of suspicion of poison have been dropped by the authorities, as no traces of poison were discovered in the viscera of the couple by the chemical analysis bureau of the medical examiner's office.

No traces of poison were found in their food and it is the belief of the authorities that the two died from an old malady. It was learned that two years ago Mr. Jackson had a stroke of paralysis and had often complained of pains in his head.

Mrs. Jackson for many months complained of acute indigestion. The theory of the authorities is that Mrs. Jackson suffered an attack on Tuesday night and went to the bathroom. There it is believed from the position of her body she fell backward unconscious. Mr. Jackson, the authorities figure, hearing the fall and seeing his wife lying on the floor, grabbed a chair and started to aid her. While leaning over her it is believed he was seized with a heart attack and sank into the chair where he was found dead. Physicians are of the opinion Mr. Jackson died instantly and his wife passed away a few hours later.

LAWRENCE, Mass., April 29.—Mrs. Fremont M. (Warrior) Jackson, formerly of this city, had planned to make a will about a year ago just prior to her marriage to Jackson, but as far as can be learned never did so.

Mrs. Jackson made a will four or five years ago. She had previously made a will a short time after the death of her first husband, Frank A. Warren of this city. Her second will was made after a son had disappeared in Chicago.

Before marrying her second husband Mrs. Jackson deeded her local real estate, amounting to approximately \$22,000, to her son, Winfield P. Warren. If Mrs. Jackson made a third will it is believed the document was drawn in New York. She was buried to-day in North Andover.

GEN. WILSON MUCH BETTER.

ATLANTIC CITY, April 29.—Major-Gen. B. W. Wilson, commander of the Fourth Canadian Military District, with headquarters in Montreal, has sufficiently recovered from his lingering illness at the Marlborough-Blenheim here to enable him to return to Montreal in a private car Monday unless an unexpected relapse occurs. Gen. Wilson underwent an operation in Montreal and came to Atlantic City to recuperate.

Voice Whispers 'Poison'; Central Averts Suicide

BRIDGEPORT, April 29.—The whispered words "poison" and "ambulance" heard on the telephone by a switchboard girl last night frustrated an attempted suicide in the office of Kramer & Co. it was learned to-day.

When a light flashed on her switchboard, Miss Catherine M. Cody, at the central office, "plugged in" and heard a voice gasp the words and then groan. She called other subscribers in the building and they rushed to the Kramer company office. Seated in his chair was Harry Ginsberg, a salesman. A bottle partly filled with poison was upset on his desk. Prompt action in sending him to St. Vincent's Hospital saved his life. He had knocked over the telephone accidentally as he sank into his chair.

THREE CHILDREN DIE IN MYSTERIOUS WAY

Two Girls' Bodies Lie in Mov-
able Bathbub; Other Is
Near By.

Nettie Romano, aged 9; her sister Dora, 7, and their playmate, Marie Rickard, 9, were found dead last night in the Romano apartment on the second floor of 192A Twenty-ninth street, South Brooklyn. The cause of their death is a mystery.

Leonard Romano, father of Nettie and Dora, went out in the afternoon with Mrs. Romano to a motion picture theater in East New York of which he is the proprietor. They left the children in care of Mrs. Margaret Pegato, their aunt, who lives on the ground floor of the house.

About 6 o'clock the Romano children,

with the Rickard girl, ran in from the street and called to Mrs. Pegato that they were going upstairs. Nettie and Dora said they would take baths, and Marie said she was going to watch them.

Calls, Gets No Answer.

An hour went by and Mrs. Pegato called up to the children to come down for supper. Getting no answer, she went upstairs and found the two doors leading into the Romano apartment locked. Mrs. Pegato went down to the yard, climbed on top of a shed, and then, using a ladder, got into the Romano apartment through a window.

She found her two nieces in a moveable bathbub on the kitchen floor. Their clothes near the window. Mrs. Pegato girl, breathing, but unconscious, lay fully clothed, near the window. Mrs. Pegato could find no sign of life in the Romano children.

Mrs. Pegato said afterward that she smelt no gas when she entered the apartment, and noticed that although the children had used the gas to heat the water, all the cocks had been turned off and there were no leaky jets.

She ran to the home of Mrs. Helen Rickard, who lives at 215 West Twenty-ninth street, and the two women, with

Robert Hoehne, went back to the apartment and broke open a door. They carried the three children to the Rickard home. Before the arrival of the ambulance and a pulmonologist called from the Fourth street station worked over the bodies, but to no effect. When Dr. Vanore of the Norwegian Hospital arrived and made a hurried diagnosis he attributed death to gas poisoning.

Detectives Osnato, Fitzgerald and Ward, however, who began an investigation, concluded there must have been a different cause. They found no smell of gas in the Romano apartment. Nettie, they discovered, had vomited a strange bluish fluid, which is being analyzed. Other children in the neighborhood said the three had bought some candy in the afternoon. The police remarked that in cases of gas poisoning the bodies generally turn black, while those of the three girls showed only red spots.

MORE ON THE PAYROLLS.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 29.—Twelve representative manufacturing concerns in this city and vicinity reported 14,410 persons on their payrolls to-day, as against 12,933 on March 31. It was announced by Deputy Commissioner of Labor Christopher M. Dunn.

DR. BAKER'S NEW POST.

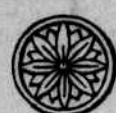
Woman Physician Named State
Consultant on Child Hygiene.

ALBANY, April 29.—Dr. S. Josephine Baker of New York was appointed by State Health Commissioner Hermann M. Biggs to-day as consultant in child hygiene in connection with the organization of a new division in the State Department of Health provided by the Davenport law.

Dr. Baker has been connected with the New York City Department of Health since 1901. Although entitled to retirement after twenty years' service, she has decided to continue her work with the city Health Department and will serve as a consulting expert of the State Health Department without salary.

COPELAND IN OFFICE 4 YEARS.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland celebrated his fourth anniversary as Health Commissioner yesterday. His desk was covered with flowers and heads of the various bureaus in the department offered him their congratulations. The Commissioner said he would not take a million dollars for his experiences in the department.



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